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SUBJECT: CANADIAN-EAST GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED MARCH 4 CURRENT STATUS US AND CANADIAN-GDR RELATIONS WITH V. G. TURNER, DIRECTOR, EXTAFF EASTERN EUROPEAN DIVISION AND O.A. CHISTOFF, ACTING SOVIET DESK OFFICER, DRAWING ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL. TURNER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING.

2. TURNER SAID SINCE LAST MEETING WITH COUNSELOR JANUARY 30 (OTTAWA 0306), THERE HAD BEEN TWO FURTHER MEETINGS IN WARSAW BETWEEN THE CANADIAN AND EAST GERMAN AMBASSADORS BUT THAT ISSUE ON REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

3. TURNER SAID THEY INTENDED TO GO BACK TO MINISTER SHARP IN ORDER TO GIVE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PROBLEM. HE SAID SHARP HAS FOLLOWED THIS QUESTION CLOSELY AND REVIEWED NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR AT EACH
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STEP. HE DID NOT IMPLY THAT REVIEW MEANT ANY CHANGE

IN CANADIAN POSITION.

4. HE NOTED THAT US SEEMS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENCE DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WITH GDR UNTIL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED WHEREAS GOC HAD CONCURRENTLY DISCUSSED SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES. (IN PREVIOUS MEETING, TURNER HAD SAID GOC HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A MISSION IN GDR AFTER AGREEMENT REACHED.)
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